

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 22-31 remain in the application.

Claims 24 and 29 have been amended.

Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 22-31 are currently pending in the application.

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIONS

Applicant has received the Notice of Allowability, mailed February 4, 2005. The Notice of Allowability did not indicate whether the amendment to claims 24 and 29, filed on September 29, 2004 and received by the Examiner on October 6, 2004, was entered and the objection addressed by the amendments was withdrawn. The amendment was filed along with the appeal brief filed on the same day. The amendment resolved an objection raised with respect to claims 24 and 29 because the claims recite the clause "said information", which lacks antecedent basis. If the amendment has not been entered, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment to resolve the objection. Applicant also respectfully requests express acknowledgement of the entry of an amendment to claims 24 and 29 and withdrawal of the objection.

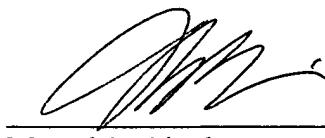
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, the Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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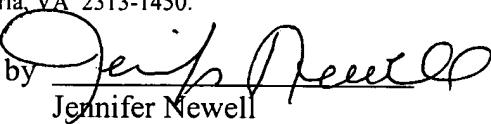
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